GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the partnership of private sector in water conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of proposals received from State Governments by the Union Government in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to clear such proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. It is laid down in the National Water Policy, 2002 that private sector participation should be encouraged in planning, development and management of water resources projects for diverse uses, wherever feasible. Management of the water resources for diverse uses should incorporate a participatory approach; by involving not only the various governmental agencies but also the users and other stakeholders, in an effective and decisive manner, in various aspects of planning, design, development and management of water resources schemes. Conservation consciousness should be promoted through education, regulation, incentives and disincentives.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Ground Water and Rain Water Harvesting" for implementation with active involvement of the beneficiaries including Local Bodies/Panchayats/Water User Association/Communities/Non Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations has been conceived.

(c) & (d) The proposals for increasing the activities in water conservation from the State Governments would depend upon the approval of the proposed Centrally Sponsored Scheme.